

RESOLUTION NO. 6.

INDIAN TITLES.

JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to the purchase of Indian titles in Nebraska territory.

Whereas, the west and northwest portions of this state are fast settling with industrious and enterprising citizens, particularly that portion in the vicinity of Council Bluffs, and,

Whereas, the Otoe, Omaha, and Pawnee Indians in Nebraska territory are a great annoyance to said inhabitants, and,

Whereas, mutual benefits would result from the removal of said tribes of Indians: therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,

Requesting the extinguishment of Indian titles in Nebraska territory—duty of secretary. That our senators in congress be instructed, and our representatives be requested to use their influence to have the general government purchase the country belonging to said Indians, and to make arrangement for their removal, and that the [238] secretary of state be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved, December 21, 1851.

RESOLUTION NO. 7.

SOLAR COMPASS.

JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing H. B. Hendershott to dispose of a solar compass belonging to the state of Iowa.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,

That H. B. Hendershott, of Ottumwa, Wapello county, be and he is hereby authorized to sell a "solar compass" now in his possession, belonging to the state of Iowa, and pay the money received by him for said compass to the treasurer of the state of Iowa: provided always, said compass shall not be sold for a less sum than one hundred and fifty dollars.

Approved, January 4, 1851.

RESOLUTION NO. 8.

RAPIDS.

JOINT RESOLUTION for an appropriation for the improvement of the Des Moines and Rock River Rapids in the Mississippi river.

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,

Asking an appropriation to improve the rapids. That our senators in congress be instructed, and our representatives requested, to use their influence to procure an appropriation in money, or lands, sufficient to improve the channel of the Des Moines and Rock rivers rapids, in the Mississippi river.

Duty of secretary. Resolved that the secretary of state be authorized to forward one copy of the aforesaid resolution to the president of [239] the United States senate, one copy to the speaker of the house of representatives, and one copy to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved, January 4th, 1851.

RESOLUTION NO. 9.

BRIDGES.

JOINT RESOLUTION instructing our senators and requesting our representatives in congress, to procure for the state of Iowa, a donation of lands to be appropriated to aid in building bridges across the rivers of Turkey, Maquoketa, Wapsipinicon and Cedar, in the counties of Clayton, Delaware, Buchanan and Blackhawk. Whereas, the occupation by the Winnebago Indians until recently, of a vast tract of country drained by said river, has prevented the general government from bestowing a proportionate share of patronage upon the interior country on the north; and owing to the rapid settlement of said country, and the inability of the present settlers to bridge said streams without some assistance, therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,

Asking lands to build bridges. That our senators in congress be instructed and our representatives be requested, to use their influence to procure for the state of Iowa, a donation of lands to be appropriated to aid in building the following bridges across the rivers of Turkey, Maquoketa, Wapsipinicon and Cedar, and applied as follows: Two sections for the north fork of Maquoketa at Rockville, two sections for the south fork at some point to be designated by the county commissioners of Delaware county. For the Wapsipinicon eight sections, four of which to be expended at Quasqueton, and four at Independence. Six sections for Cedar at the Rapids in or near town ninety, north; and ten sections for Turkey river, to be applied in equal portions at Millville, Peck's ford, Elkport and Eleador in the county of Clayton, in all twenty-eight sections. Said lands to be selected by the county commissioners or their successors in office of the respective counties in which said bridges are proposed to be built.

Resolved,

Duty of secretary. That the secretary of state be requested to forward a copy of the foregoing to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved, January 9th, 1851.

RESOLUTION NO. 10.

ACTUAL SETTLERS.

JOINT RESOLUTION asking a donation of land to actual settlers.

Whereas, the preservation of the public liberty, and the perpetuity of our happy form of government, are dependent in a great degree upon the virtue and intelligence which are found among the independent freeholders of the country; and